grant-in-aid of Rs. 3570.69 lakhs to Union Government for providing post-matric scholarship for the welfare of primitive Tribes and Scheduled Castes people;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned the proposal of giving balance of Rs. 742.79 lakhs to the State Government;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) by when the above said amount is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) No proposal for release of Rs. 3570.59 lakhs has been received. However, central assistance of Rs. 695.98 lakhs and Rs. 583.41 lakhs respectively have been released to Madhya Pradesh Government by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the Post Matric Scholarship schemes during the year 2007-08.

Exclusion of creamy layer from SC quota

1056. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Valmiki Community in the North, comprising of Scavangers and Safai Karamcharies, is now demanding exclusion of the creamy layer from SC Quota and claiming for a separate quota within the SC quota for Valmikis and Ati-dalit castes;

(b) whether courts had earlier stuck down the provisions for categorization of quota within quota as unconstitutional; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take on this issue raised by Valmikis and Ati-dalits in the larger interest of equitable justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No such representation has been received in the recent past.

(b) The Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservation) Act, 2000 was struck down by the Supreme Court on 05.11.2004. Likewise the Notification dated 09.11.1994 of the State Governemnt of Haryana reserving 50% posts amongst Scheduled Castes in Haryana for Block 'A' consisting of 36 Scheduled Castes and 50% for Block 'B' consisting of Chamars, Jatia Chamars, Rahgars, Raigars, Ramadasias or Ravidasias, was quashed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance to disabled persons

1057. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that handicapped persons are facing difficulties in obtaining certificates and pensions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any guidelines or rehabilitation policy in this regard;

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the extent of financial assistance and other relief provided to these persons and the details of the benefits received by them from the Union and State Governments, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) Pension to Persons with Disabilities is granted by the respected State Governments. A statement indicating amount of financial assistance is enclosed. (*See* below). For issue of disabilities certificates, detailed guidelines have been issued. There is continuous effort to ensure that the certificates are issued without any difficulty.

Statement

State-wise details of Amount of Financial Assistance for the Persons with disabilities

Sl. No.	States	Disability Pension
1	2	3
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	200 P.M. w.e.f. 1.4.2006
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	
4.	Assam	
5.	Bihar	Stipend of Rs. 100/- P.M. to PWDs below poverty line
6.	Chandigarh	Rs. 200/- P.M.
7.	Chhattisgarh	Rs. 150/-P.M.
8.	Daman & Diu	
9.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs.60/-
10.	Delhi	
11.	Goa	Rs. 750/- P.M.
12.	Gujarat	Rs. 200/- P.M. to PWDs with more than 75% disability under SANT SURDAS SCHEME
13.	Haryana	Rs. 200/- P.M.
14.	H.P.	Rs. 200/-
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	
16.	Jharkhand	Prothsahan Bhatta of Rs. 200 P.M. under Swami Vivekanand Nihshakta Swavalamban Prothsahan Yojna
17.	Karnataka	Maintenance Allowance of Rs. 200/- P.M. to economically PWD
18.	Kerala	Rs. 140/-P.M. w.e.f. August 2005
19.	Lakshadeep	Rs. 300/- P.M. w.e.f. 1.4.2006
20.	Maharashtra	Pension given under Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojna through Banks
21.	Manipur	Financial Assistance of Rs. 1000/- per head
22.	Madhya Pradesh	Social Security Pension of Rs. 150/- P.M.
23.	Meghalaya	
24.	Mizoram	
25.	Nagaland	

1	2	3
26.	Orissa	Pension/Subsistance Allowance of Rs.200/- P.M.
27.	Pondicherry	
28.	Punjab	Rs. 200/- P.M.
29.	Rajasthan	Rs 200/- P.M..
30.	Sikkim	Rs 500/- P.M.
31.	Tamilnadu	Rs 200/- P.M. Maintenance Allowance per beneficiary to severely disabled including mentally retarded
32.	Tripura	Rs 125/- P.M.
33.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs 150/- P.M.
34.	Uttaranchal	Rs 400/- P.M.
35.	West Bengal	Rs 400/- P.M.

Status and Function of Directorate of Prohibition

1058. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Directorate of Prohibition;

(b) whether it is being shifted from one to another Ministry;

(c) what are its functions;

(d) whether it is effective in Centrally controlled areas; and

(e) if so, to what extent it has influence on States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Grants to NGOs

1059. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gives grants to NGOs/Associations to run projects for 'Nasha Mukti Avam Punarwas Kendra' and also for construction of hostels for SC boys and girls;

(b) if so, the details of requirement of grants;

(c) the number of projects received, date-wise from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana since 1st January, 2006, till date;

(d) the number of such projects accepted/rejected, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government informs the concerned NGOs directly about the project acceptance/rejection, with reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The